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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on December 17, 2002. To date, Applicant has not received a first Office Action.

It appears that all formal requirements with regard to the application have been satisfied. Nonetheless, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when he might receive the first communication on the merits from the Patent Office. Applicant would appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

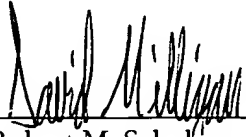
If Applicant or its representative may be of any assistance to the Patent Office in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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